

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) A method of dyeing synthetic material, said method comprising the steps of:

internally dyeing a polymeric material by means of introducing a colorant ~~and a ultraviolet stabilizing agent~~ into a melt of said polymeric material, wherein said colorant provides a base color shade for said polymeric material;

producing yarn from said internally dyed polymeric material; and

externally dyeing said yarn to form a final color shade thereon, ~~wherein said base color shade provides between 70% and 90% of the total depth of color of said final color shade.~~

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Previously Presented) The method set forth in claim 5, further including the step of impregnating said polymeric material with an ultraviolet stabilizing agent.

8. (Previously Presented) The method set forth in claim 5, said base color shade provides between 70% and 90% of the total depth of color of said final color shade.

9-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 5.

14-16. (Cancelled)